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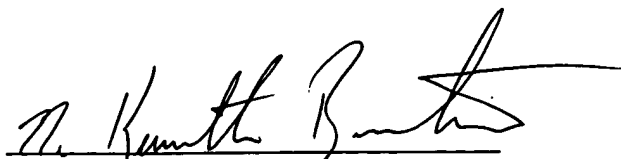
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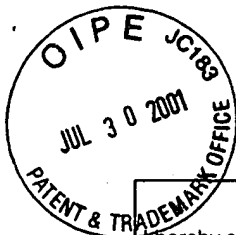
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INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT (IDS)

Assistant Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

Listed below or on an attached Form PTO-1449 is information known to applicant(s). A copy of each listed publication and U.S. and foreign patent, except for pending U.S. applications, is being submitted herewith, along with a concise explanation of information in a foreign language, if any, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97-1.98.

Applicants respectfully request that the listed information be considered by the Examiner and be made of record in the above-identified application. If Form PTO-1449 is enclosed, the Examiner is requested to initial and return it in accordance with MPEP §609.

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